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Chancellor Corrigan speaks to Congress in support of Title XI

Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan represented the public sector and was one of two nationally-known educators to speak last week when the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education took testimony on higher education.

Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., President of Georgetown University, represented the private sector in Room 2358, Rayburn House Office Building. The two testified on behalf of the entire higher education community.

"For the first time since its enactment in 1980, the higher education community as a whole made a specific request for funding for Title XI," said James Harrison, spokesman for the Association of Urban Universities, of which UMass/Boston is a member.

Title XI provides opportunities for colleges and universities to enter into partnerships in economic development in their local communities.

Chancellor Corrigan and Father Healy testified on funding priorities for Fiscal Year 1988. They submitted lengthy recommendations into the hearing record.

"The Higher Education Community reiterates its longstanding priority—one which this Subcommittee and the Congress have long honored—the funding as generously as the circumstances allow, of need-based, means-tested student financial aid," said Chancellor Corrigan.

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Guggenheim fellowships awarded to UMB professors Martin and Bawa



Guggenheim winner Prof. Jane Martin displays copies of her latest book—in English and, recently-translated, Japanese.

Two members of the UMass/Boston faculty have been awarded prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships—Dr. Kamaljit S. Bawa, Professor of Biology, and Dr. Jane Roland Martin, Chair of the Philosophy Department.

The John Simon Guggenheimer Memorial Foundation annually awards fellowships to scholars, scientists and artists. This was the 63rd annual competition and involved 3,421 applications for awards totaling \$6,336,000.

The 1987 awards make a total of six UMass/Boston winners in the past four years. Historians Clive Foss and I. Linda Gordon were singled out in 1983. In 1985, Guggenheim Fellowships were awarded Dr. Ruth Butler in Art and photographer Jim Goldberg.

"It was with great pleasure that I learned that two faculty members had been selected as Guggenheim Fellows for 1987," said Dr. Joan Liem, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

"Drs. Bawa and Martin belong to a growing corps of faculty here whose research and scholarship have received national recognition.

"Dr. Bawa's work on tropical forest ecology has been long recognized and Dr. Martin's recent book *Reclaiming a Conversation: The Ideal of the Educated Women* has been acclaimed by reviewers. I am proud to count them among my faculty colleagues."

Dr. Bawa, born in Kapurthala, India, completed his undergraduate and graduate education at Punjab University, gaining a B.S. (honors) in 1960; M.S. (honors) in 1962 and a Ph.D. in 1967.

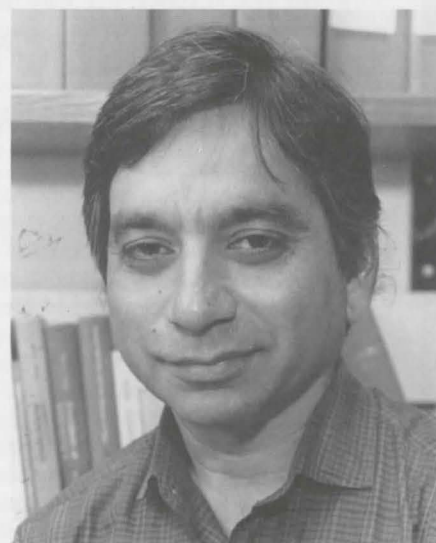
He came to the United States in 1967 as a Post-doctoral Research Associate at

the University of Washington. He was awarded a research fellowship at Harvard University, 1972-74, and joined the UMass/Boston faculty in 1974 as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1977 and Professor in 1981.

Dr. Bawa's research under the Guggenheim Fellowship will be concerned with conservation and management of tropical forest resources. He proposes to study the impact of forest management on the loss of biological diversity in two states of South India with large tracts of forest, Karanataka and Kerla. For the past 15 years he has worked on the population biology of tropical forests in Central America.

Dr. Martin proposes in her Guggenheim research to "examine the ways in which education today is influenced by, and at the same time buttresses, a philosophy

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Prof. Kamaljit Bawa

UMB honors Barney Troy with library dedication



Unveiling of Barney Troy portrait was performed by Andrew C. Knowles, right, Chairman of the UMass Board of Trustees, and Trustee William H. Bowman. Cambridge's Mel Robbins was the artist.



Frederick S. "Barney" Troy, left, poses with Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan at his recently-unveiled portrait in the new Troy Library in Wheatley Hall. Troy's life has been tied to UMass since his student days in 1927.

The program said it all:

The Frederick S. Troy Library and Colloquium Room are dedicated to Trustee "Barney" Troy in recognition of sixty-one years of dedicated service to the University of Massachusetts and of his nurturing support of the Boston Campus.

The Boston Globe called him "Mr. Chips of UMass" and that was accurate, too.

But it remained for the honoree himself to put just the right stamp on the recent dedication. Said Barney:

"It's a short and easily-pronounced name—Troy is much better than Schenectady."

Friends and colleagues gathered in Wheatley Hall for the dedication and the unveiling of a portrait by Cambridge's Mel Robbins.

"He was a champion of enduring value," said UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

"Barney is a humanist and always will be a humanist," said Professor Robert H. Spaethling.

"We wanted a place to celebrate a man and we feel it is most fitting here near the College of Arts & Science," said CAS Dean Richard M. Freeland.

Outgoing trustee Troy served over 24 years and under five governors in that span. His life has been tied to UMass since 1927 when he entered Mass Aggie, as UMass/Amherst was then known, as an undergraduate on the Amherst campus.

He became professor of English at UMass/Amherst and produced a number of fine proteges, perhaps the best-known being novelist William Manchester.

As a trustee, Prof. Troy was especially helpful to the newly-formed Boston campus. In a *Boston Globe* article, UMass/Boston Professor Thomas Brown remembered Troy's early fight against categorizing UMass/Boston as a "service-oriented university."

"Barney was not seeking to transform the university into his image," said Prof. Brown. "He wanted the best for the students. He was a politician of the possible."

Chemistry Professor Ernest Becker elected fellow by AAAS

Chemistry Professor Ernest I. Becker has been elected a fellow by the American Association for Advancement of Science.

In addition, Dr. Becker is a prime candidate for a Fulbright Fellowship which will be announced in a few months.

"We are proud to have among our faculty a colleague with Dr. Becker's standing and accomplishments," said Dean Fuad Safwat of Graduate Studies. "This recognition by AAAS brings honor to the entire University Community."

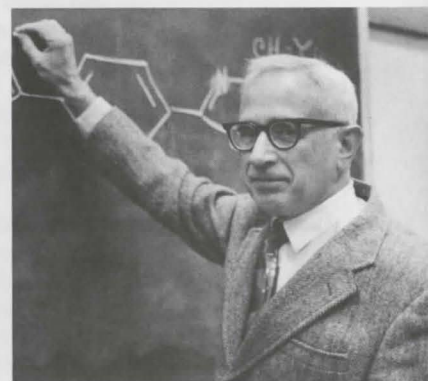
Prof. Becker has been a member of the UMass/Boston faculty for 22 years and has helped many students gain

background for advancement to medical schools and in pursuit of masters and doctoral degrees.

"I've worked with 27 doctoral students," he recalled, "and helped some 60 pursuing masters degrees. I've had a very rewarding career."

"I've always said that if we had reincarnation and I was to return as a cockroach, I'd want to be a cockroach teaching chemistry."

Prof. Becker received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Western Reserve University. He served at Polytechnic Institute of New York before coming to



Professor Ernest Becker

UMass/Boston. He was Chairman, Dept. of Chemistry, 1965-72.

He has authored more than 100 professional papers and edited seven books.

Briefly . . .

Vietnam-Era Congressional leaders from across the nation participated in the sixth annual conference on the Concerns of Vietnam Veterans, in Washington, D.C. The conference was sponsored by UMass/Boston's William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas hosted the affair, the first conference following the retirement of former House Speaker Tip O'Neill, who sponsored the conference the five previous years.

The conference has grown in scope to become a national forum for Vietnam veterans.

Last year's conference was the impetus for a special hearing on women veterans held in Washington, D.C. in April at which time UMass/Boston's Veterans Affairs Coordinator Julia Perez testified.

Paul Camacho of Cambridge, Associate Director of the Joiner Center, served as Conference Director once again.

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The Alumni Photography display continues through May 29 in the 5th Floor Gallery, Healey Library.

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Women's Studies presented "Women Behind the Camera", three evenings of film screenings and discussion with distinguished women film directors last month.

According to Jean Humez, the programs were inspired by the development of the new Women's Studies course "Women Film Directors" by Professor Linda Dittmar. CAS students Jennie Chartier, Ellen Nylen and Stephen Wingate put together a program committee of students, staff and faculty members to help select the program and raise funds for the series.

Series coordinator was Jennie Chartier, who graduates this year and aims at a career in films.

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Prof. Robert Crossley and his teaching program at UMass/Boston were profiled in a recent issue of Higher Education, the Mass. Teachers' Association publication. "I see myself as a working teacher talking to other working teachers," said Prof. Crossley.

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Senator Kennedy advocates hike in minimum wage at UMB conference



Professor Barry Bluestone chats with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy prior to his talk in Faculty Club.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy called upon Japan to play ball and vowed an increase in the minimum wage as he made headlines for UMass/Boston's day-long conference on American wages, incomes and public policies assembled by Prof. Barry Bluestone.

"Security interests internationally and trade interests internationally are intertwined," said Kennedy, addressing the trade imbalance with Japan.

"Our kids are watching Miami Vice while theirs are studying," said the Senator from Massachusetts.

Sen. Kennedy also predicted that Congress would approve his proposal to raise the minimum wage from \$3.65 an hour to \$4.65 by 1990.

"I'm very pleased with the way the conference went," said Prof. Bluestone, who made the closing summary after four panels discussed topics.

In his opening remarks, Sen. Kennedy lauded Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and UMass/Boston:

"Under Bob Corrigan's leadership,



Senator Edward M. Kennedy addresses audience in Healey Library

UMass/Boston has become a national model for urban public education.

"Coming to this campus, I am always struck by one of your finest achievements, and surely one of our best hopes for the future—no other institution in this city captures our diversity so well. Old and young. Black and white. Brown and Asian. Women and men. Everybody is here and the educational mission of this campus is one of the most impressive answers to the questions we are pursuing at this conference."

Two Guggenheim fellows awarded to UMass/Boston professors

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of social atomism and to explore the implications of alternative theoretical constructions.

"I hope to define and develop," she added, "a solution to it that takes as its starting point both the fact and the desirability of social interdependence."

Dr. Martin received an A.B. from Radcliffe, 1951, an M.Ed. (1956) and a Ph.D. from Harvard (1961). She has

taught at Brandeis University, University of Denver, University of Colorado, Harvard, University of Alberta, Canada, and Boston University, where she was a visiting professor, 1970-71.

Dr. Martin joined the UMass/Boston faculty as Associate Professor of Philosophy in 1972 and in 1980 was named Professor.

She has received a number of academic honors, the most recent a Fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

Mellon Fellows awarded for first time to UMB students

Two products of a UMass/Boston education have been awarded Mellon Fellowships—the first ever captured by students from the Boston campus.

Luke Swetland was awarded a fellowship in the Humanities, while Sarah Luria, who was awarded the John W. Ryan Prize for distinguished performance in her first two years, was honored with a Fellowship for graduate study in American Studies.

"Luke Swetland," says Prof. Lois Rudnick, "transferred from the University of Nebraska in 1983 and graduated in 1986 with a major in English and a concentration in American Studies.

"He won Honors in English, along with the Josephine Bunselmeyer Prize for

Language and Literature for his work on the Lyceum Movement in America. Luke began his research for his Honors program as part of the Nantucket Semester.

"The Mellon Fellowship brings with it a \$9000 stipend plus tuition and fees. Luke will enroll in the American Studies Ph.D. Program at the University of Michigan next fall, where he will study with James Turner, formerly of UMass/Boston's History Department."

Meanwhile, Sarah Luria "is a distinguished former student of ours" reports Prof. Monica E. McAlpine of the English Department.

"She was honored at the Convocation in Fall, 1985," said Prof. McAlpine. "In

January, 1986 she transferred to Berkeley, mainly for personal reasons: her fiancé, a medical student, was relocating in California. That same semester she wrote a thesis on Jane Austen. Her thesis won the prize for best Senior thesis—even though she was still a Junior.

"She has been accepted at Yale, Berkeley and Stanford. She intends to specialize in medieval literature," said Prof. McAlpine.

"She was my student in English C201, Five British Writers and in my 300-level Chaucer course. I wrote one of her letters of recommendation for the Mellon and for the graduate school applications. She's presently living in San Francisco."

Governor Dukakis names five new trustees to UMass Board

Five trustees were named at the University of Massachusetts by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis: Lawrence S. (Larry) DiCara, G. Richard Huguenin of Deerfield, Alice S. Huang of Cambridge and student trustees Colleen Lopes (Boston) and Paul Wingle (Amherst).

Mr. DiCara, a resident of Dorchester, is an attorney with offices in Boston, Providence, R.I. and Washington, D.C. He specializes in real estate and administrative law. He served as a member of the Boston City Council, 1972-81. He graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1971 and received a degree from Suffolk Law School.

Ms. Huang, a graduate of Wellesley College, later studied at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and received a Ph.D. in Microbiology in 1966.

Mr. Huguenin received a Ph.D. in Astronomy from Harvard University,



Trustee Lawrence S. DiCara

1964, and founded Millitech, a company that produces and markets millimeter and submillimeter components and systems. It is based in South Deerfield.

Ms. Lopes is majoring in Psychology in CAS. She has held numerous positions in campus governance and was a University Senator in 1986.

Chancellor Corrigan addresses US House education committee

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"We place special importance on adequate funding for the Pell Grant program—asking for a total of \$4.9 billion for this keystone of the aid structure. We place further emphasis on the special programs for disadvantaged students and on other student grants, and on the imbalance of loans over grants and work as a form of aid.

"We urge the Congress to disregard the Administration's savage cutbacks in grant and loan programs, and to refrain from appropriating the \$600 million the Administration has requested for the income-contingent loan program until the limited experiment which the Congress, in fact, authorized last year can be carried out and evaluated...

"We have more than 9,000 degree-seeking undergraduates at UMass/Boston. Over 70% are eligible for student financial aid, and 60% receive some sort of aid.

"The Administration's plans would affect 65% of the students on my campus who receive financial aid. We estimate that 550 of the 20% of Pell Grant recipients would be dropped completely, with another 720 or 26% facing reduced awards. All 100 of our student workers under college work-study and 1400 supplemental grant recipients would be dropped, and another 360 would face reductions...

"The University of Massachusetts at Boston and other community-orientated universities, public and private, in cities and towns of all sizes are working with their neighbors to help find answers to problems they share with those neighbors. The Congress, in enacting Title XI, puts its seal of approval on the relationship," concluded Chancellor Corrigan.



Prof. Joseph McHugh, right, greets Ronald J. Lynch prior to his address at the New England Government Financial Manager's Roundtable at the World Trade Center. Mr. Lynch represented the Office of Federal Services, Arthur Andersen & Co., Washington, D.C. Prof. McHugh is with the College of Management.